



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 153
[2009 Senate Bill 244]

**Specific Information Signs on
Certain Portions of State Trunk
Highway 121**

Under current law, the Department of Transportation (DOT) may authorize the erection and maintenance of specific information signs on designated highways under its jurisdiction. The signs indicate that certain businesses located near a highway provide motorist services in one or more of the following categories: gas, food, lodging, camping, or attractions. Currently, specific information signs are authorized on State Trunk Highway (STH) 21 from I-94 north of Tomah to U.S. Highway (USH) 41 at Oshkosh.

2009 Wisconsin Act 153 eliminates the authorization for specific information signs on STH 21 from I-94 north of Tomah to County Trunk Highway (CTH) "Z" in the Town of Strongs Prairie in Adams County and from STH 13 north of the Village of Friendship in Adams County to USH 41 at Oshkosh. Since specific information signs requirements would no longer apply to these specified portions of highway, the Tourist Directional Signs program guidelines under the statutes and administrative rules would govern these portions.

Effective Date: 2009 Wisconsin Act 153 takes effect on **July 1, 2011**. Other provisions in the Act relating to DOT not issuing or renewing permits for specific information signs on these portions of highway, requiring the removal of specific information signs on these portions of highway, and requiring DOT to treat these portions as though DOT did not designate these portions of highway as specific information signs portions, take effect on **March 25, 2010**.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.